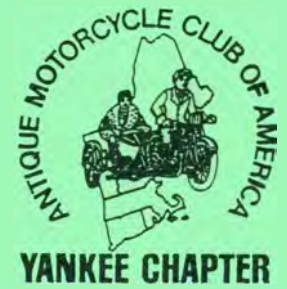




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George and Beverly Twine from Enfield, Connecticut dash into the Dutchess County Fairgrounds.

All Roads Lead To Rhinebeck in May

Riders from all over New England, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware came to a meet that featured old cars, farm engines, tractors, and engines that sputtered and hissed on steam, coal and hot air. There was something for everyone!

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1994 MEETS

**July 29, 30 & 31st
YANKEE NATIONAL MEET
Hebron, Connecticut**

**August 20 & 21st
EMPIRE NATIONAL MEET
Brookfield, New York**

**September 10 & 11th
STURBRIDGE AUTUMN MEET
Sturbridge, Massachusetts**

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

At long last the season of AMC meets is upon us. Summer is finally here and hopefully those antiques are in tip-top condition for the 1994 season.

There was a business meeting held at Jim Darby's Spring meet at Stafford Springs, CT in April. Most of your officers were present along with a handful of Yankee members.

All details seem to be in place for our upcoming National Meet in Hebron, Connecticut, July 29-31. A set-up crew will be arriving at the Fairgrounds on Thursday July 28, and the gates will be opened to the general membership 6 a.m. Friday morning.

If you would like to help with any aspect of this meet, you can show up and offer your help, call one of your officers in advance for an assignment or be volunteered at the meet. As of May 1st, we were 173 Yankees strong. There is going to be lots to do so please remember that "many hands make light work".

I look forward to seeing you all there!

Jessie

Kemp O'Connell Gone at 41

Kemp O'Connell, president of the Harley Rendezvous lost his battle with cancer after a six month fight.

Kemp was well known by many A.M.C. members who attended his rally. One of the features of his meet was the Antique Harley and Indian building. He will be missed by his many friends and his antagonists as well.

Kemp was a fighter.

INDIAN DAY set for July 17th

Better wax up your old "Whahoo" and head for 33 Hendee Street, Springfield, Massachusetts. Always the hottest day of the year, yet there are some of the best motorcycles in the cosmos on that hallowed asphalt.

COLONIAL CHAPTER rides into Hebron

Be on the lookout for the hearty riders of Colonial Chapter of New Jersey. Rumor has it they plan to ride in from Orient Point, Long Island, cross by ferry to New London, Connecticut, and resume their trip to Hebron.

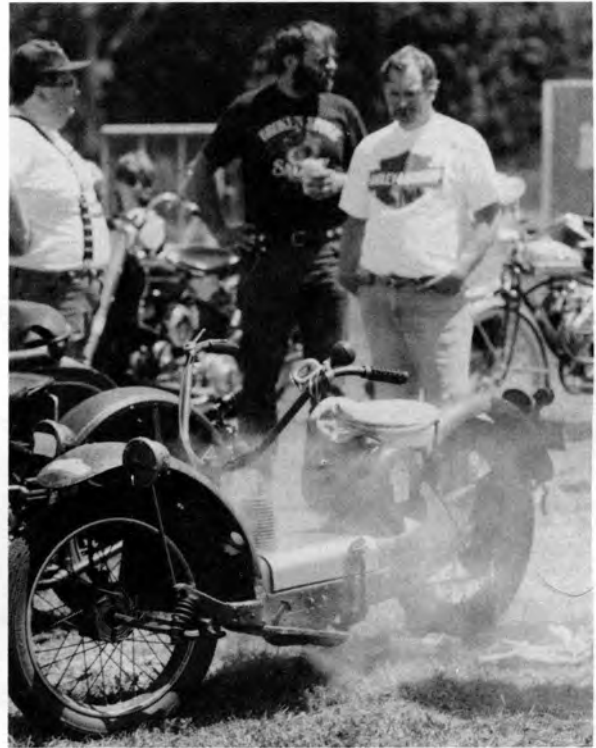
Those guys don't fool around on their old machines.

RHINEBECK, NEW YORK

MAY 21-22, 1994



Ken Krauer, "Sprint King of the Northeast", organizes the motorcycle portion of the large antique engine meet in Rhinebeck, New York.



Al Ceccini's 1924 Neracar was a treat to hear run.



The airfield, just north of the meet site, had First World War airplanes on display.

✍ A Letter from Ken Krauer, Rhinebeck Meet Host

Rhinebeck '94 has gone down in history as one of the most weather-perfect weekends we've had in years; blue sky, 75-80 degree temps both days.

Friday afternoon I brought a collection of 5 light motorbikes, including my 1947 Whizzer WZ Schwinn, all at once in my short bed S-10. Al Cecchini showed up with his 1924 Neracar at the same time.

Saturday morning things really got rolling and the machines poured in, including the entire Empire Chapter Executive Board on 5 Indians and 2 support vans with club gear, tents, club goodies for sale, etc. Included were Curt and Mrs. Bunce, Tom and Karen Thompson, Gary Wilcox, Fred Little and retired Editors Al and Nancy Strobel.

Several vendors also set up shop, but I would still like to have more antique parts vendors show up. Remember next year's dates- May 20 & 21, 1995. Vending is free to AMC members. No charge for space! Plan to be there now. Overnight camping is also free. Nice new bathrooms, no showers.

An added attraction starting this year and scheduled as an annual event with cycles and old-time power, is the Horseless Carriage Club of America's Annual Meet and Swap. It was great!

I would like to dedicate this meet to the memory of long-time member Bob Garrity who passed away one year ago on the way to this meet.

Thanks for coming, see you in May 1995!

Ken Krauer

Editor's Note: Ken named many of the folks and their machines that were in attendance. Over 30 were mentioned including many Yankee members, yet many were missed! So as not to leave anyone out (or misspell any names!), let's just say it was a well-attended meet with people riding in from all surrounding states.



Nick Gottier sits sandwiched between his Dad's Knucklehead with sidecar and a blue Panhead, ridden in from Connecticut by your roving Editor.



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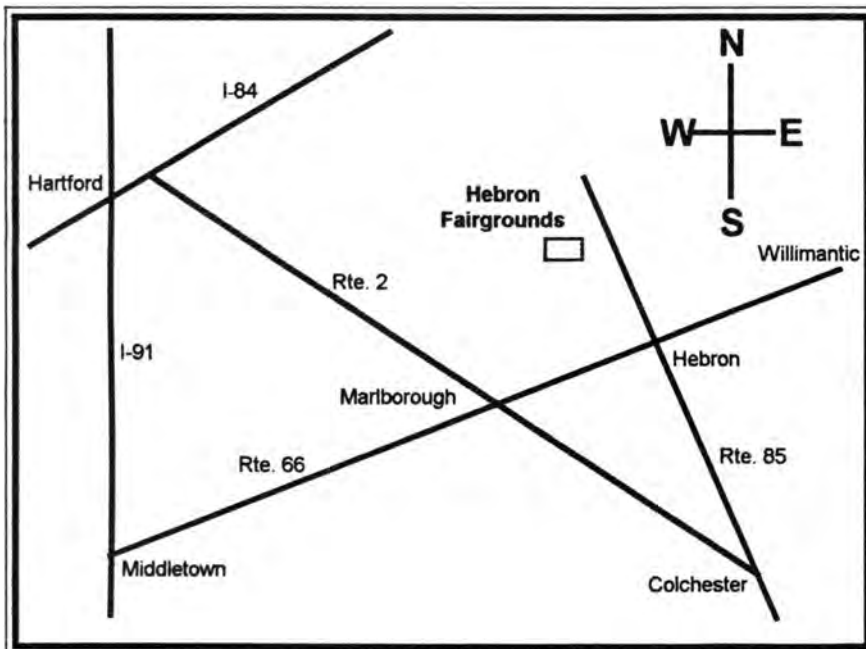
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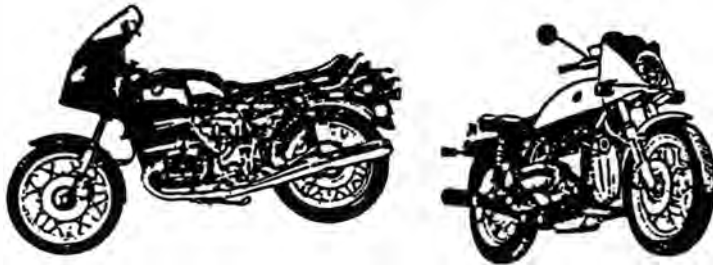
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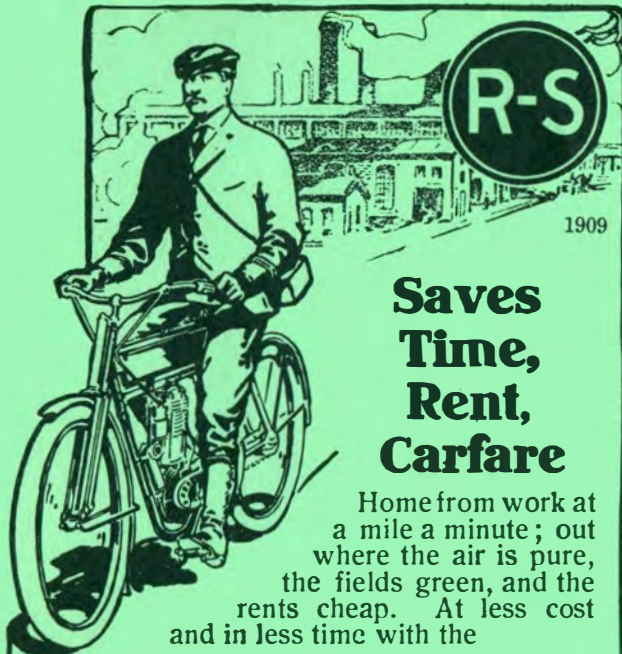




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